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To whom it may concern:

I am both a parent of young children in care and an Early Educator.

As a parent I rely greatly on my child care and it's frustrating to me that it is hard to find quality care and that even when you do that these caregivers make so little.

Along with my struggle to find or pay for daycare I have my own debt in school loans (60-70,000 dollars at least). I love working with young children but struggle to stay working in the field with the salaries that early educators are offered . Many of these salaries are also without benefits .

Let's grow kids and many of us in the field or invested parents are working hard to attract a robust workforce in Vermont but without a strong Early Education workforce families with young children can't afford to live here.

Please do everything you can to ensure that Vermont invests in out Early Educational workforce.

Thank you

Respectfully,

Laura Dailey